## Form 471 # 525618 / FRN 1447774 Appeal



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Letter of Appeal Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6

## Request for Review in reference Funding Request Number 1447774

The Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation provided in the Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for FRN 1447774 states:

Additionally, it was determined that \$1200.00 in funds was improperly disbursed for this funding request. During the course of an audit it was determined that funding was provided for the following ineligible items: installation costs. The pre-discount cost associated with these items is \$1520.00, respectively for a total ineligible amount of \$1520.00. At the applicants 79 percent discount rate this resulted in an improper disbursement of \$1200.00. FCC rules provide that funding may be approved only for eligible products and/or services... In this situation, the applicant made the certifications on the BEAR Form indicating that the services and/or equipment provided to the applicant were eligible for funding. On the BEAR Form, the authorized person certifies at Block 3, Item A that discount amounts for which reimbursement is being sought represent charges for eligible services delivered and used by eligible entities. Therefore, USAC has determined that the applicant is responsible for the rule violation. Accordingly, USAC is seeking recovery of \$1200.00 from the applicant.

It is clear that an error was made in this report. The funding requested under FRN 1447774 was for telecommunication services provided for all district sites. The installation charges were eligible based on the USAC Eligible Services List which, under the Installation and Configuration category states: <a href="Installation">Installation</a>, activation, and initial configuration of eligible components are eligible if they are part of a contract or bid for those eligible components. Such eligible services may include basic design and engineering costs and basic project management costs if these services are provided as an integral component part coincident with installation.

As the installation services in question were included in the district's RFP and the Service Provider's response, it is clear the proposed \$1200.00 recovery is unjustified and we ask that this order be rescinded.

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## Form 471 # 525618 / FRN 1447774 Appeal Aberdeen School District (BEN 145297) Sincerely,

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